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'Cheap Insurance'

Businesses In Schools

Junior Achievement—a U.S.-Canadian project to sell the free enterprise system to high school students—will likely be backed in Victoria by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Under the plan, groups of boys and girls form small corporations, each sponsored by a business firm.

"It's cheap insurance for the free enterprise system," said Roy Baker, chairman of the Jaycee's youth development committee.

ALL IN OUR POWER

"We'll do all in our power to see that Junior Achievement is brought to Victoria," he said, in thanking one of the gluest speakers, W. C. R. Jones, vice-president of the Powell River Co.

Mr. Jones' firm sponsors Junior Achievement groups in Vancouver, which has 20 of the student corporations. New Westminster has six.

"We are trying to show these youths that the free enterprise system works," said Mr. Jones.

WAY OF LIFE

"And the time to inculcate our way of life," he said "is to do it when they are as young as possible."

The company officials said that "if the socialistic trend continues . . . they'll be telling us to wear only blue suits next for the good of the country."

Other guest speaker, Roy Twyman, executive-director of B.C. Junior Achievement, said:

CREAM OF CROP

"Junior Achievement is for the cream of the crop . . . no boys off the street.

"It's not a delinquent program but a leadership program—like the Jaycees."

Mr. Twyman said 66 per cent of the student ventures make money "but of course some do go bankrupt — just like real businesses."

PICK A PRODUCT

Each group of 15 to 20 students, with the aid of three business advisers, first learns how to incorporate, then they pick a product—first-aid kits, cheese-slicers, plant-holders — and then sell their own shares at 50 cents each.

Most of the junior companies are launched with less than $200 capital, Mr. Twyman said.

"But the shares are limited to five per person to prevent hogging. They're pretty good investment, you see."

The youthful free-enterprisers, who pay themselves 20 cents an hour, meet one night a week from 7 to 9 p.m. for 30 weeks.

NO INTERFERENCE

"There's no interference with the school program," said Mr. Jones. Each business—no matter how successful — lasts only one year.

"All the accounts, including the income tax, are all wound up at the end of the school year," he said.

In strongly urging the Jaycees to adopt the project, Mr. Jones said:

"There's nothing I know of that is more rewarding."

Hunters Get Break

Hunters in the Greater Victoria area got a break last night when Central Saanich council decided not to proceed with a bylaw banning hunting in the municipality.

But strict regulations appear to be certain on future hunting in the area, following a meeting between the council and Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association yesterday.

The council agreed to continue to permit hunting and to redraft the proposed bylaw. Sharper teeth in regulations are likely to be a feature of the revamped bylaw.

The proposed ban was approved by voters, but has since been bucked by hunters and by members of the South Saanich Farmers' Institute, who claim unchecked game would cause damage to crops.

'Experts' Busy

Blast-Off Rattles Oak Bay

Two teen-agers "interested in rockets" turned Oak Bay into Cape Canavaral last night and reported an "unsuccessful" firing of a home-made missile.

Engineer in charge, Peter Spriggs, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Spriggs, 928 Island Road, said, I "don't know what we expected, but it didn't work."

He said the rocket powered with a "kind of powder" was "launched" about 7 p.m. on Willow Beach.

With him, he said, was Hugh Pite, 14, a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pite, 2570 Esplanade.

The explosion from the foot-long rocket was described as a "terrific racket" by A. E. Swain, 2016 Esplanade.

Mr. Swain was one of many in the area who reported hearing the explosion.

The young man said he had fired the rocket once before, shortly after Halloween in Windsor Park that "was more successful."

'A Tribute Born of Sincere Esteem'

Moment of amusement in dignified proceedings occurs as Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross, trying to sign Victoria's Roll of Freemen, finds pen supplied won't work on parchment, and neither will one offered by Mayor Percy Scurrah. Third pen finally did job.

Mrs. Ross and mayor's four-year-old granddaughter Barbara Jennings become better acquainted after city hall ceremony in which lieutenant-governor was received as Freeman of city. Barbara presented bouquet of roses to Mrs. Ross, who also received engraved compact as memento.

Casket for scroll proclaiming lieutenant-governor Freeman of Victoria, made of B.C. silver, gleams brightly in light of photographers' lamps as Mayor Scurrah makes presentation. Distinguished audience of about 130 in council chamber witnessed ceremony.—(Colonist photos.)

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Stock Shots Winner

Looking over the ticker tape quotations that won him the $100 prize in The Daily Colonist Stock Shots Competition No. 3, is young Victoria government employee Don S. Thomson, 150 Douglas Street. He chose Massey Ferguson, New Calumet and Tidal on his winning entry. Graduating with a BA in economics and mathematics at UBC last summer, Don has quickly put his knowledge to good use. (See further details on Page 8.)

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Lieutenant-Governor Fourth Freeman

Glow Warms Chamber As City Honors Ross

By R. O. MARRION

Warm affection was evident on every face and in every word yesterday as Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross was received at city hall as a Freeman of Victoria.

And Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Ross, in brief addresses, showed affection for Victoria, too.

Before a specially-invited audience of about 130, including many distinguished citizens, the lieutenant-governor was received and sworn in as a Freeman — Victoria's fourth since the city received the power to confer such an honor in 1927—and presented with a scroll and its silver casket.

BEAMS APPROVAL

The audience beamed approval as Ald. Arthur Dowell, proposing a formal resolution for His Honor's reception as a Freeman, paid tribute to his record in business and industrial life, his contributions to the development of the country, and his character and personality.

"The enthusiasm and unanimity of the members of this council in deciding to confer this honor upon him, and the spontaneous way in which citizens on every hand and in all circumstances and stations of society have whole-heartedly welcomed and endorsed the council's action, are in themselves an eloquent tribute born of sincere esteem," Ald. Dowell said.

He also praised Mrs. Ross for her important part in "this case of selfless, dedicated service."

WELL EARNED

Mayor Percy Scurrah, presenting the scroll and casket, said the honor was "well earned, for no couple could have shown greater devotion in fulfilling the duties of office than have our Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Ross."

The lieutenant-governor said in reply he would always be proud that the greatest honor a city could give had been given him by Victoria, an old city in Canadian history, the capital of B.C. and a city unsurpassed in beauty, surroundings and pleasant living.

In Victoria, he said, he and Mrs. Ross had "met nothing but friendship, cordial relations and assistance at every point."

MEMORABLE THING

Mrs. Ross, after being presented with an engraved silver compact by the mayor and a bouquet of roses by the mayor's granddaughter, Barbara Jennings, said the conferring of the honor on the lieutenant-governor by the capital city would be "one of the most memorable things in our life."

The lieutenant-governor's arrival at city hall was witnessed by many spectators lining both sides of Douglas. Before entering the hall, he inspected a guard-of-honor of police and firemen and war-veteran civic employees, all of whom volunteered to serve in the guard.

Third Mortimore Talk On CBU Radio Tonight

Third in a series of talks about British Columbia's Indians, by Colonist staff writer G. E. Mortimore, will be heard on radio station CBU, Vancouver, at 10.15 p.m. today.

The talks are based on the articles which Mr. Mortimore wrote for the Colonist under the title of "The Strangers." The radio talks will continue every Thursday night until March 12.

Hearing Aid Off

He Couldn't Hear —Didn't Want To

Court of revision hearing Victoria ratepayers' complaints about 1959 assessments had some lively moments yesterday.

In its morning session it contended with one irate property owner who amused the spectators and confounded the three members with a sort of censorship.

When the court tried to give him explanations and answers, he disconnected his hearing aid.

Chairman Waldo Skillings asked him if he could hear, and he said no, and he didn't want to.

In the afternoon, the court ran into sharp words from William Wood, 675 Battery, who said the assessment on his house had increased from $1,640 in 1951 to $4,600 now.

"You're penalizing all old home-owners, not only me," Mr. Wood said, and complained that the government had put $28 in one pocket for the taxpayer and taken $58 from another.

"The provincial government doesn't get $1 of your taxes," Mr. Skillings told him.

"They are the ones who put the assessments up on old houses," Mr. Wood said.

House Lauds Ross

The provincial legislature, by a unanimous standing vote, yesterday extended congratulations to Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross on his election as a Freeman of the City of Victoria.

George Gregory (Lib.-Victoria) proposed the motion which was seconded by Donald Smith (SC-Victoria.)

Mr. Smith called His Honor "a great Canadian."

Premier Bennett commented that the government had "received tremendous co-operation" from the lieutenant-governor and Opposition Leader Robert Strachan added his commendations.

Too Little Known About Pensions

By TED SHACKLEFORD

One of the amazing things about pensions is how little people know about them—and I was no exception before I began this assignment.

People have phoned me, called in to see me and written to me with misconceptions galore. One irate $75-a-month pensioner was surprised to hear me insist that not all $55-a-month pensioners have bank accounts and own their own homes.

Old-Age Security is a $55-a-month pension paid by the federal government to anyone over 70 who has lived in Canada continuously for the 10 years before application.

ALSO A PENSION

Old-Age Assistance is also a pension of $55 a month, shared by the federal and provincial governments, and paid to anyone between 65 and 69 who has lived in Canada continuously for the 10 years preceding application and whose income does not exceed $310 a year.

Supplementary assistance is the cost-of-living bonus of up to $20 a month paid by the provincial government to persons receiving either of the two forms of old-age pensions, who have lived in British Columbia for three years, and who can meet certain income limitations.

The amount of supplementary assistance is determined by a complicated formula, based on the income of a specific person. It can vary anywhere within $20.

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Menu Continues To Improve

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And if a person who has been granted supplementary assistance earns more than the limit specified, then the allowance is reduced accordingly.

A pamphlet, clearly setting out all the ramifications of the federal and provincial pension schemes, including pensions for the blind and disabled, is published by the social welfare branch of the provincial health department.

Application for pensions, or information about them, must be made at one of three places.

People living in the city should apply to the city health and welfare centre, 1947 Cook Street; people in Saanich should apply to the Saanich social welfare centre at 3681 Douglas Street, near the Trans-Canada Highway; and residents of Oak Bay, Esquimalt, unorganized territory, the Gulf Islands, or south of the Malahat should apply to the provincial social welfare branch, 525 Superior Street.

And a word of hope from William Hooson, the city welfare officer . . . "The means test (which must be taken before the provincial supplementary assistance is given) is not too popular, as most people can't understand it," he said. "But I feel it is pretty liberally interpreted here."

My menu is continuing its slight improvement apart from a small setback last night—I forgot to buy meat for my dinner before the butcher shops closed.

SHREDDED WHEAT

Breakfast was shredded wheat with hot milk, two fried eggs with two strips of bacon and two cups of tea. Lunch was scrambled eggs (two of them) four slices of toast with margarene and marmalade and two cups of tea.

Dinner was half a tin of corned beef, potato pancakes (perfect this time), two slices of toast, margarine and marmalade and again, two cups of tea.

Notably missing from my diet so far have been green vegetables. I'll try to find some cheap ones today—ones that I can cook.

And talking about cooking, we still need cheap, easy to prepare recipes for meals. If sufficient recipes are sent in they will be published together to help pensioners.

Yesterday I spent a further 83 cents—matches, 35 cents, a bus trip and a tin of corned beef, 35 cents. I have now spent $32.39 and have $22.61 left.

Colonist reporter Ted Shackleford has been assigned to live on $55 for a month to discover how senior citizens on old-age assistance payments live and what their problems are.

He will be available in The Daily Colonist office—EV 3-4111 — between 4 and 5 p.m. each day.

Seen in Passing

Stan Hoffman testing a shock-absorber. (He has been a mechanic for 23 years and works for a city service station. His hobby is tinkering with motors, and right now he is building a cabin cruiser. He and his wife, **Paulna** have two boys, **Stanley**, 11, and **Tony**, 3) . . . **Jerry Gosley** announcing the the Theatre Guild production, "The Matchmaker," has been extended beyond this week to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights next week at the Langham Court Theatre . . . **Doug Crosby** counting out pills for a customer . . . **Valerie Rose** worrying about a friend's weight . . . **Howard Burke** praising Mozart's music as against Haydn's.

STAN HOFFMAN

Hot Rodders Give 20 Pints Blood

More than 20 pints of blood were donated by members of two Greater Victoria hot rod clubs last night in a competition for the Colonist trophy.

The two-day public Red Cross clinic ending yesterday netted the Victoria blood bank 377 pints.

21-Gun Salute to Mark Her Majesty's Accession

Seventh anniversary of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty the Queen will be marked here at noon on Friday with a royal salute of 21 guns.

The salute will be fired from Work Point by gunners of the 5th B.C. Independent Medium Battery, RCA.